

Public Parade

Too Much Over Too Little

The gliberal daily press is having a hey day with the Democratic convention and all the fuss over the California delegates. Sen. McGovern has one day and doesn't have the next. This is, of course, interesting.

But what we are getting a little tired of, frankly, is all the play being given the Mitchell love affair and the world chess championship.

It is apparent President Nixon is pretty much assured of re-election, even without Mr. Mitchell. And who gives a hang whether Boris Spassky, the Russian titleholder can checkmate America's Bobby Fischer?

Surely to goodness there are more important things of note.

Something Finer In Eastern Carolina

Our favorite food columnist has just returned from a three-week stint at Hilton Head Island, S. C., no less. But unlike most columnists, her "Herald Kitchen" appeared each week, without the usual note like "Mildred Huskins is on vacation. Her column will be resumed upon her return."

She did her work before she left. We were taught by the same teacher, who happens to be her husband. He once returned from a press convention at Nags Head totally unimpressed and reported that in his opinion they had named the town after the wrong end of the nag.

It was an interesting little recap she wrote in the Statesville Record & Landmark upon her return from Hilton Head. Maybe her husband's previous observations about the Outer Banks of Tar Heelia influenced her when she wrote of Hilton Head: "No better place on the face of the earth could be found for romping with grandchildren."

We take issue. We have not, admittedly, been able to get grandparents and grandchildren to meander along the Public Parade for more than a couple days at a time in eight years. Given three weeks, though, we are confident they would find "no better place on the face of the earth" than ye ole town on Queen Anne's Creek.

'250' and '2021'

Well, we had the opportunity of experiencing the hospitality of Chowan Hilton North last week and can now vouch for the splendid medical facilities available to the people along the Public Parade and throughout the area.

Dr. Ed Bond decided it would be best if we got a good going-over. And between Saturday afternoon and Monday afternoon, in Room 2021, we became aware of what some of his patients refer to as being "Bonderized."

It was the first time in 30 years we had the misfortune of being a patient in a hospital. But we are fortunate to have had the Chowan Hilton North available when the time came.

They have all sorts of things out there. There is the chief diplomat who reports that you can walk from the bed to the chair to the bathroom. Then there is the assistant who much check with the chief to determine if you can take three extra steps to get into the shower.

There is also something missing. Although the mother of our five children happens to be a nurse, we had never experienced one of the relaxing back rubs designed to put you to sleep. This is missing at the Chowan Hilton. It supposedly is replaced by a totally electric bed. They arrive on schedule with a sleeping capsule to replace the back rub but by the time you get through the electronic manipulation you are wide awake anew.

The nurses, aides, etc., are cheerful and efficient. So are the auxiliary members, whose smile compliments the flowers and the mail. We were fortunate, in one respect. Sharon Thompson, a pretty candystriper, came to visit for her father.

Then there was the trip to X-ray Monday morning with William Saunders at the wheelchair controls. He didn't run down but one candystriper, a nurse assistant and an orderly on the first trip.

The second run was better. He politely asked that we pull down our gown so we wouldn't get arrested for indecent exposure and then only ran over a young man apparently looking for the house-keeper.

But all in all, William is much better as a wheelchair chauffeur than a local policeman who reportedly dumped a suspect onto the driveway at the end of the emergency ramp.

Dr. Joe Lee Frank must have the world's worst formula for "milk punch." Following our complaint of too much vanilla and too little bourbon, he replied in the true Achoskian manner: "Listen,

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Receive Special Recognition — In a brief service at Edenton Baptist Church last Sunday morning three persons received love gifts acknowledging their work and devotion in certain areas of service to the church. At left Rev. Robert E. Gray, pastor, recognizes Earl G. Harrell, who has served as music director for the church for the past five years; James G. Blount, vice chairman of deacons, presents a gift to Mrs. Robert E. Gray for her outstanding work with Youth Choirs; and Jesse Austin who retired recently after serving 19 years as custodian of the church is shown receiving a gift from E. N. Manning, Chairman of Building and Grounds Committee.

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County Tax Rate Boosted Budget Is Slashed

Chowan County commissioners have approved a \$1,541,991.45 budget for fiscal 1972-73 with a new tax rate of \$1.65 per \$100 valuation. This is an increase of five cents. In addition, rural residents will pay eight cents for fire protection. County employees will receive a base pay increase of 5 per cent across the board.

This year's budget is \$87,215.00 less than the 1971-72 overall budget figure of \$1,629,206.45, but the budget for this year is based on a valuation of \$35,000,000 which is \$1.5 million greater than the preceding year. The decrease in the overall figure is primarily due to less state and federal funds.

Although the school system will

again receive a greater part of the budget, it is still facing a sharp cutback, far less than the \$499,000 it requested. The College of the Albemarle will receive no appropriations, reportedly, because there is no money to spare.

This year, funds will be included toward construction of a new jail, the joint land-fill venture between Chowan, Perquimans, Edenton, and Hertford, and the purchase of a new ambulance.

Budget Is Slashed By School Board

The Edenton-Chowan Board of Education reluctantly approved the \$415,000 budget pledged by the County Commissioners on Friday night. Much concern was expressed over the cuts necessary to operate with that figure.

Last year's budget was \$417,000, of which actual revenue amounted to only \$387,000 and created deficit spending of some \$28,000. The board of education stressed that spending was kept within the projected figure and the resulting deficit was not due to an overspending on their part.

As a result of the cutback in the budget, one teaching position was eliminated as well as the acquisition of an additional guidance counselor at Holmes High School. The drama program was restructured and a special education teacher sacrificed at Chowan High School. Certain renovations and repairs in all schools of the Edenton-Chowan system were dropped.

Meeting Planned

The quarterly meeting of the Albemarle Area Beef Cattle Association will be held at Sadler's Motel and Restaurant, Fairfield. The meeting starts at 7:30 P. M.

Jack Parker, area livestock specialist, says Hayes Gregory, farm manager for Texas Gulf, will be the guest speaker. Gregory will discuss cross breeding in beef cattle. This is a very timely subject, since many farmers are now beginning to follow this breeding program.

Booked For Theft

After hours of questioning, three young Edenton Negroes confessed to breaking and entering of G. T. Davis Jewelers on June 23.

Edenton Police Chief J. D. Parrish identified the suspects as Oras Blount, 22; Albert Brothers, 19; and Charles Drew, 18.

It was reported that a bottle was used in smashing the front display window of the store on that Friday morning, and eight watches were removed. The breaking and entering brought to three such break-ins for the month of June, the Davis firm having been hit twice.

At the present time, two stolen watches have been recovered.

The three men are charged with breaking and entering and larceny. They have been released under \$500 bond each. Trial is set in District Court for July 18.

Chief Parrish said investigation is still underway into the two previous robberies.

He stated that the investigation was set off by a hunch which paid off. Participating in the investigation was Capt. Harvey Williams and Patrolman J. T. Norman, along with Chief Parrish.

Drug Counts Aired

Four young Edenton men were found guilty of drug possession charges by Judge Winton F. Walker, Jr., in the June 27 session of Chowan District Court. Charged were Robert D. Howard, William Carlton McClenny, Glenn R. Meadows and Asa Carroll Simpson.

Patrolman Ray Griffin reported that 1.14 grams of marijuana were found in the glove compartment of a vehicle operated by Howard. Found, as well, were pipes and rolling paper.

Each of the men were given six month sentences, suspended upon payment of \$200 fine and costs, and placed on three years probation.

The other cases heard by Judge Walker included:

Vachael Thomas Cheers, Jr., failing to decrease speed, nol pros, driving drunk, six months, suspended, \$250 fine and costs. Defendant appealed; bond set at \$500.

Landreth Williams, driving drunk, 90 days, suspended, \$150 fine and costs. Defendant appealed; bond set at \$500.

Roosevelt Ford, larceny, six months. Robert Edward Lee, driving drunk and failing to operate motor vehicle on right half of the road; three months, suspended, \$125 fine and costs. Defendant appealed; bond set at \$500.

Thomas Edward Skittlehorpe, driving drunk, nol pros.

Thomas Willis Armstead, larceny, nol pros.

Alfonza Cooper, simple affray, 30 days suspended, \$25 fine and costs.

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Recreation Survey Shows Community Afraid Of Taxes

Echoing a statement by the N. C. General Statutes concerning the need of adequate recreational facilities in the communities of the state, the Edenton Planning Commission of the Town Council conducted a survey in March as an initial step in organizing a recreational program. The need was emphasized as a valuable tool in establishing public good and moral welfare for all age groups.

The survey was multi-purpose. It served to determine the activities desired by the citizenry, ask direct questions to the people concerning financial and material support for such programs, and cull basic information to determine which groups indicated the most need for recreational programs.

Of the 1,535 surveys mailed to residential consumers of the Electric and Water Department, a low 148 or 9.6 per cent were returned, despite the fact that a pre-addressed Business Reply envelope accompanied each form.

In regards to administration and finance, the questionnaire revealed 87 per cent favored a recreational program. In financing, 96 per cent indicated support; but in the same stroke, a majority did not favor special taxation or fees, rather a combination of both. Of those who opposed the previous question, 79 per cent favored a non-paid Recreation Commission to supervise programs and formulate policies.

Under Individual Data, each family was requested to count the number of males and females according to age groups. It was learned there are significant numbers in the 12 and under group, adults 37-65 group and the Senior Citizens, over 65.

Response indicated that the most widely used facilities are as follows: John A. Holmes High School; tennis courts on North Broad Street; Swain Elementary School, vacant lot at the intersection of Freeman and Oakum Streets; Jaycee playground on Albemarle Court; and the National Guard gym.

Respondents showed interest in expanding or initiating activities running the entire gamut from swimming to in-

New Postal Now Works In E. C. Area

The newest innovation of the U. S. Postal Service — Area Mail processing — was installed at the Elizabeth City Office on July 1.

Beginning on that date, mail from the Elizabeth City Sectional Center Area will be processed for outgoing dispatch through the Rocky Mount Post Office.

This was announced by Carl C. Ulsaker, Regional Postmaster General, Southern Postal Region, which covers the Southern United States from Texas to Florida.

"The program is intended to speed the ultimate delivery of the mail and to gain maximum efficiency and economy through full utilization of Rocky Mount's modern post office," Ulsaker said.

"The Rocky Mount Post Office is equipped with two electric cancelling machines and two automatic facing-stacking machines to move the increased mail volume from Elizabeth City and the associate offices.

Area Mail processing is a plan whereby virtually all mail originating within a Sectional Center Area, including any or all the associate offices of the Sectional Center Facility, will be consolidated at the SCF for complete preparation and processing for outgoing dispatch.

In this case, mail from the Elizabeth City SCF and its associate offices including Edenton will be moved to the Rocky Mount Office and processed for outgoing dispatch.

All mail deposited in street letter boxes or the out-of-town letter drops at the associate offices will be transferred to the Rocky Mount SCF for processing and will bear the postmark designated for that SCF area.

The postmark for the Elizabeth City SCF will read, "U. S. Postal Service, Elizabeth City, N. C."

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Family Income Up

Average family income was \$6,397 in Chowan County in 1969, compared with \$7,774 for the State, according to a report on the 1970 census by the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce. Per capita income for the county amounted to \$2,040, the report shows.

The 1970 census counted 10,764 residents in the county.

Among the county's 10,038 inhabitants age five and over in 1970, 659 were living in a different county within the State in 1965, and 689 in a different State.

In the population age 16 and over, 75 per cent of the men and 39 per cent of the women were in the labor force. Among the employed, 34 per cent were holding white collar jobs, and 16 per cent were government workers.

About 42 per cent of the married women with husband present were in the labor force, and 41 per cent of these wives had children under six.

There were 3,182 persons three to 34 years old enrolled in school. In the 25-and-older population, 28 per cent of the men and 36 per cent of the women were high school graduates.

terpretive dance and holiday celebrations.

The survey, conducted in conjunction with the N. C. Department of Natural Resources, stated:

"Finally, the response to the survey was discouraging to say the least. From all the information available, it seems the community is not apathetic about recreation but rather, fears an increase in taxes. The Planning Commission understands and sympathizes with them. However, recreation in Edenton needs to be improved and the time to begin is now: for delay is the deadliest form of denial. Therefore, the following recommendations are made to improve

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Farm Price List

ATLANTA, Ga. — On the southeastern broiler-fryer market, prices received by southeastern processors trended higher during the week ended June 30, USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service reports.

Prices advanced on all sizes for cartoned eggs in volume sales to retailers in the Southeast. The heavy type hen market was generally steady, while prices for light type hens continued to trend higher.

Southeastern feeder cattle and calf prices and slaughter calf prices trended steady to \$1 higher. Slaughter cows sold unevenly, but mostly steady.

Hog prices advanced early in the week, but some late declines resulted in mixed price trends over the area.

Spot cotton prices were generally steady.

Missionary Will Speak Here Sunday



Rev. Ralph W. Harrell

Rev. Ralph W. Harrell, Southern Baptist missionary to Kenya, will be the guest speaker at the Edenton Baptist Church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. He will also show slides of his work in East Africa.

Mr. Harrell and his wife, Rosalind, were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1958. During his years in East Africa, he has served as superintendent of a Baptist community center; treasurer of the Baptist Mission of East Africa; manager of the Baptist assembly grounds, and evangelistic worker. He is presently director of the editorial department of the Baptist publishing house in Nairobi, Kenya.

A native of Chowan County, Mr. Harrell is a graduate of Wake Forest College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is the son of Mrs. W. W. Harrell of Edenton and the late Mr. Harrell.

The public is invited to attend the service. Nursery facilities will be provided for children three years and under.